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1. It is estimated that the Czechoslovak air force would be able to form 63 squadrons, each having 12 aircraft, with the aircraft produced in Czechoslovakia and the flight personnel trained in Czech schools since 1945. However, at present, there are only 12 combat squadrons, the same number as in 1945.
2. Air force units in Bohemia and Moravia are known to be located as follows:
  - a. Bohemia
    - 1) Hlbovice (051/G00) Reconnaissance regiment (2 squadrons, 18 Siebels)
    - 2) Pilsen Fighter regiment (3 squadrons, 30 Me-109s (S-90); SNB air patrol
    - 3) Hradek Kralove Air Academy (basic and advanced training with Bücker and Arado planes)
    - 4) Pardubice Detachment of Air Academy
    - 5) Karlovy Vary SNB air patrol
    - 6) Kbely near Prague 1 fighter regiment (5 Mosquitoes, 18 P-2s); 1 training squadron (pilot training for jets)
  - b. Moravia
    - 1) Brno 2 fighter regiments (S-90)
    - 2) Olomouc Basic and advanced pilot school (branch of the Prostějov training center)
    - 3) Prostějov I Basic and advanced pilot school
    - 4) Prostějov II (Stichovice) Fighter and observer school

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3. Students for courses at Prostějov and Olomouc are recruited from enlisted men who, after they are graduated, are promoted to the rank of Sgt. Major.
4. The training of jet pilots at Kbely was begun at the end of 1949, when there was organized a squadron of jet planes which were assembled from abandoned German parts. These aircraft consist of 15 S-91s and S-92s. The S-91 is equipped with JUMO-300 jet engines having 5,000 hp and weighing 680 kg. Maximum speed of the plane is 820 km/hour and cruising speed 650 km/hour; fuel consumption is 2,600 liters per hour, and the flying range is 40 minutes. The S-92 is equipped with JUMO-400 jet engines having 6,000 hp and weighing 600 kg. Its maximum speed is 920 km/hour and cruising speed 700 km/hour; fuel consumption is 2,800 liters per hour; flying range is 60 minutes at cruising speed and 30 minutes at maximum speed.
5. The students comprising the Kbely training squadron are fighter pilots and graduates of the Hradec Kralove Air Academy or the school at Stichevce. They are superior fighters who have been trained with Me-102s. Additional training with jet planes requires about one month. From the end of 1949 to October 1950, it is estimated that about 15 or 20 jet pilots were trained in this squadron. The limited number of instructors and the poor quality of equipment are continual problems.
6. Commander-in-Chief of the entire Czech air force is General Josef Hanus, of the air force in Moravia General Budin, and of Slovakia Colonel Julius Trnka. The following officers are attached to the general staff of air force command:
  - a. Training Col. Kruml
  - b. Rear Echelon Col. Strof
  - c. Personnel Col. Jan Bilek  
Major Billy
  - d. OZ Chief of Air Forces Col. Reindl
  - e. Department V, WNO Col. Ing. Mraz  
Col. Ing. Hudec
7. General Mares, former Air Attache in the USSR during World War II, was purged in 1949 and is now a forced laborer, working in the Autorenova factory, Prague as a spare parts inspector.

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